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TAGS: PINT, ML

SUBJ: CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT FOR MALIAN MILITARY COMMITTEE

REF: BAMA KO 2220

1. DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF MALI'S RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION CONTINUE WITH REGULAR RHYTHM IN BAMA KO. ON MAY 28, TAXIS AND TRUCKS FILLED WITH SLOGAN-SHOUTING, BRANCH-WAVING YOUTH TOURED BAMA KO'S STREETS. ON MAY 30, BUSINESSMEN CLOSED SHOPS AND HELD PRO-GOVERNMENT RALLY. DRAYMEN PARADED THEIR HORSECARTS ON JUNE 1. MEANWHILE, IN REGIONAL CENTERS, WOMEN, VETERANS, AND OTHER SOCIAL GROUPS DRAFTED MOTIONS OF SUPPORT FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE. OFFICIAL DAILY, L'ESSOR, GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO DEMONSTRATIONS AND RAN TWO LONG EDITORIALS PRAISING MILITARY COMMITTEE AND CONDEMNING THOSE WHO FISH IN TROUBLED WATERS.

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2. COMMENT: DEMONSTRATIONS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO SHOW BREADTH OF POPULAR SUPPORT FOR RULING COMMITTEE. BEHIND SCENES, HOWEVER, COMMITTEE APPEARS TROUBLED. GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOUNDED RECENT EDITION OF JEUNE AFRIQUE WHICH REPORTS FORMER PRESIDENT KEITA'S DEATH. IN REVERSAL OF EARLIER CONCILIATORY POLICY TOWARDS STUDENTS, SECURITY FORCES RAIDED BAMA KO HOUSING AREAS NIGHT OF MAY 26 AND

ROUNDED UP ESTIMATED 300 STUDENTS IN ATTEMPT TO SNARE RING-  
LEADERS OF STUDENT OPPOSITION. WHILE CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT HAS  
BEEN WELL ORCHESTRATED, COMMITTEE'S RESPONSE TO CONTINUED  
POLITICAL OPPOSITION FROM STUDENTS AND PRO-KEITA ELEMENTS OF  
POPULATION HAS BEEN HEAVY-HANDED.  
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